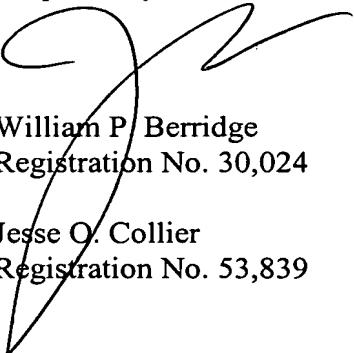


REMARKS

Claims 1 - 15 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 - 15 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies, remove reference numerals and to better conform the claims to U.S. practice. The specification is also amended to update the title and to correct minor typographical errors. No new matter is added. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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